BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 4-506

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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4-506.

- (a) A respondent under § 4-505 of this subtitle shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the judge should issue a final protective order.
- (b) (1) (i) The temporary protective order shall state the date and time of the final protective order hearing.
- (ii) Unless continued for good cause, the final protective order hearing shall be held no later than 7 days after the temporary protective order is served on the respondent.
- (2) The temporary protective order shall include notice to the respondent:
- (i) in at least 10-point bold type, that if the respondent fails to appear at the final protective order hearing, the respondent may be served by first-class mail at the respondent's last known address with the final protective order and all other notices concerning the final protective order;
- (ii) specifying all the possible forms of relief under subsection (d) of this section that the final protective order may contain;
- (iii) that the final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 12 months, unless the judge extends the term of the order, under § 4-507(a)(2) of this subtitle OR THE RESPONDENT IS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (G)(3) COURT ISSUES A PERMANENT ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION; and
- (iv) in at least 10-point bold type, that the respondent must notify the court in writing of any change of address.